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SUBJECT: PLANS FOR GLOMAR CHALLENGER LEG 42A: THE MEDITERRANEAN

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1. LOS DELEGATION PERCEIVES NO OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED DRILL SITES SET FORTH IN REFTELS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SITE M1 ALT. (A). SITE M1 (A) IS VERY CLOSE TO SPANISH TERRITORY AND IS IN SHALLOWER WATER THAN OTHER PROPOSED SITES. DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT SITE M1 (ALT A) SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE UTILIZED.

2. IN LIGHT OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY AND RECENT INCIDENT OF SEISMIC EXPLORER, DELEGATION IS CONCERNED ABOUT SITE M8. WE RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT CONSIDER HAVING AMEMBASSY ATHENS INFORM GREEK GOVERNMENT IN A LOW-KEY MANNER OF PROPOSED DRILLING. WE DO NOT BELIEVE TURKEY SHOULD BE INFORMED OF PROPOSED DRILLING.

3. DELEGATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT NO REPEAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO FINDINGS RESULTING FROM ANY DRILLING DURING THIS LEG, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE HYDROCARBON DEPOSITS, UNTIL AFTER LOS CONFERENCE CONCLUDES ON MAY 10. ABRAMS

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